



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

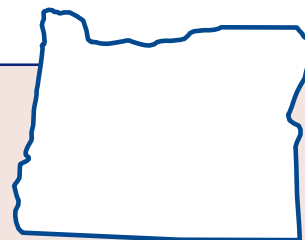
*Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality was selected to receive an assessment grant. The state has targeted rural, economically distressed areas of the state. Most of the communities in which site assessments will be conducted have populations under 30,000. These distressed areas have unemployment rates that reach up to 14 percent in some targeted communities. Over the last three years, the state has informally inventoried rural brownfields sites and has used that information to reach out to impacted communities. The assessment and ultimate reuse of industrial facilities and service stations targeted with this grant will reduce blight, stimulate capital investment, and improve the job and tax base of small communities.



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for a brownfields assessment grant. The state will conduct assessments at four hazardous substances sites and identify specific health and safety risks associated with each site. One of these sites, a former gas manufacturing plant, has been identified. The others will be selected using specific criteria. The state also has identified 11 petroleum sites that will be assessed through this grant. Petroleum grant funds also will be used to identify specific health and safety risks associated with each petroleum site.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>, click on "Superfund", and scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

Grant Recipient: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

541-278-4620

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has not received brownfields grant funding. The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

The state plans to use local communications vehicles for outreach to residents of the various communities.